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15 February 1968

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TO: See Distribution

SECTION I: SIGNIFICANT UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. General: The three-month period reported upon has been characterized by continued refinement of communications reporting procedures as well as continued improvement in the operational facilities and consolidation of key communications sites.

a. On 12 November 1967, LTC Richard H. Nims assumed command of the 69th Signal Battalion (A). Following the change of command ceremony, a dismounted review was held in honor of the departing and incoming battalion commanders. COL Vogt, Commanding Officer, 160th Signal Group and LTC Monahan addressed the battalion before the review.

b. The face of the battalion has been brightened by painting and other general improvements to all billets and other type buildings at Camp Gaylor. Company A renovated the mess hall kitchen which feeds all three companies at Camp Gaylor.

c. Progress was made during the reported period toward alleviating the problem of crowded billeting space within the 69th Signal Battalion. A request has been made to Headquarters Area Command for larger billeting and operational space. An area has been earmarked for one company and in the near future relocation of personnel should begin.

d. As of 12 December 1967, all personnel formerly TDY to the 44th Signal Battalion from the 69th Signal Battalion were reassigned to the 44th by Special Order numbers 320, 321, and 324.

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e. In recognition of individual efforts, members of the battalion have received the following number of awards/decorations since the battalion's arrival in Vietnam on 1 November 1965:

Legion of Merit	2
Bronze Star w/V Device	2
Bronze Star	77
Air Medal	6
Army Commendation Medal w/1st Oak Leaf	2
Army Commendation Medal	102
Purple Heart	7

f. The average present for duty strength of the battalion was 965 which is lower than last quarter because of the transfer of personnel to the 44th Signal Battalion (see para d above) and losses to DEROS which were greater than the number of replacements.

g. The following organizational and operational changes took place in the 69th Signal Battalion during the past quarter. The Army personnel assigned to MACV J6 operating the MACV Communications Centers were reassigned to the 69th Signal Battalion. The organization of the 69th Signal Battalion remains as shown in inclosure 1.

h. During the quarter, the battalion continued to participate in the "Buddy Battalion" program. No joint operational projects were conducted this quarter. Organized soccer games were conducted with the 600th and 630th Signal Battalion and the 65th Signal Group. Volleyball games were held with the 600th and 631st Signal Battalion. All of these events were open to public viewing. Officers from the ARVN 65th Signal Group attended the change of command ceremony conducted on 12 November 1967 and a orientation tour of the sites operated by the 600th Signal Battalion was enjoyed by officers from this battalion on 22 November 1967.

2. Operations: This quarter saw continued emphasis toward efficiently operating the most modern army communications equipment available in a combat zone.

a. Dial Central Offices:

(1) General: During the recent quarter, efforts were made to eliminate as many tactical manual switchboards as possible and consolidate services into the automatic dial central offices which exist in the Saigon/Cholon area.

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(a) On 5 January 1968, the last remaining AN/TTC-28 dial van in the Saigon/Cholon area, the Lynx dial van, was deactivated. The subscribers of this exchange were given either Tiger or MACV dial service.

(b) There remain one major and three minor switchboards which use tactical equipment - Saigon Long Distance, Saigon USO switchboard, 17th Field Hospital switchboard and the ROKFV switchboard. Saigon LD equipment is programmed for replacement in late 1968 by a modern tandem switching facility. The other switchboards will be replaced by dial service when the current DCO's are expanded to sufficient size to accommodate all known subscribers of these boards.

(c) A study of the MACV and Tiger DCO's, just completed, will be used in determining how much each DCO must be expanded in order to accommodate the growth of telephone requirements.

(2) Switchboards:

(a) With the deactivation of the Lynx dial van, it became possible to transfer female local national operators to the Saigon Long Distance switchboard. The female operators learned the Saigon LD board rapidly and adapted quickly to the heavy volume of traffic; approximately 13,000 calls per day pass through Saigon LD.

(b) Further efforts were made to establish a class of service for telephone subscribers in the Saigon/Cholon area. Two classes of service now exist; (1) class A - those subscribers who have no restrictions and (2) class C - those subscribers who cannot dial the long distance board or the operator. These classes of service have reduced the number of calls being processed through Saigon LD by approximately ten percent.

(c) A 200 line cordless switchboard, the Emergency Action Console, was installed as a dedicated switchboard for the MACV Command Center. This is the only 200 line Emergency Action Console in the Army today, others being 100 lines. This four-wire system provides high quality service to a select group of key personnel.

b. Cable Construction: Cable construction efforts during the period were directed toward installing new cable to handle expansion as well as replacing all old tactical cable with new improved cables.

(1) New expansion cable projects included adding MACV dial telephone service to such activities as the New Port docking area servicing Saigon and the two military intelligence units on the outskirts of north Saigon. The total cable installed in these two areas was 32,760 feet of various type multi-pair cable.

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(2) Cable installed to improve existing service in the Saigon/Cholon area totaled 19,740 feet of multi-pair cable of various sizes and 243 reels ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile each) of spiral four cable. Service improvement included the elimination of the Lynx dial van (see dial control offices, para 2a(2) above), elimination of several 26-pair tactical cables, and various old load type cables.

c. Communications Center Operations: Changes in the operational commitment and organizational structure of the battalion have been experienced with the transfer of personnel, deactivation of a minor communications terminal facility, relocation of three communications facilities, and the combination of two minor communications facilities into one terminal facility.

(1) On 12 January 1968, Army personnel assigned to MACV J6 operating the MACV Communications Center were reassigned to the 69th Signal Battalion. Navy and Air Force personnel of MACV Communications Center remain assigned to MACV. Dual channels of administration have not caused any major problems.

(2) Relocation of Saigon Area Comcenter to the former 1st Logistical Command Comcenter location has been carefully planned and engineered. The final phase of the relocation has been delayed by increased enemy activity in the area. The move should be completed during February.

(3) The planned consolidation of TASE and MIBARS Comcenters will be accomplished approximately ten days after the relocation of Saigon Area Comcenter. This consolidation will release five personnel presently working at TASE for duty in another comcenter.

(4) On 27 January 1968, the MACV J-2 Comcenter was deactivated for increased economy of circuit, equipment, and personnel. Existing J-2 traffic is now handled by the nearby MACV COC Comcenter.

(5) Relocation of CICV Relay to the former J-2 Comcenter location was proposed and planned with final approval yet to be granted. Such a move will provide more operating space, a more favorable environment, and thus increase operating efficiency.

d. Courier Operations:

(1) During the period, courier requirements increased both in motor and air service. As more organizations become aware of the courier service, mission demands continue to increase. The section is operating an extensive motor courier service in the Saigon area and is also providing air courier service for U.S. Forces in South Vietnam. Flight scheduling has been improved to encompass daily courier stops at Bien Hoa, Ban Me Thuot, Can Ranh Bay, Nha Trang, Qui Nhon, An Khe, Ploiku, Phu Cat, Chu Lai and Da Nang.

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(2) Problems are being experienced concerning flight coordination, type of material authorized to enter the system, and weight allowances. The publication of a new courier regulation by USARV is expected to be of great assistance toward improving the courier system.

e. Data Terminal Facilities:

(1) On 9 January 1968, the 12th DPU Data Terminal facility was relocated to Long Binh under the control of the 44th Signal Battalion. The move was completed and the circuit was back to traffic in less than 24 hours. All assets and personnel related to the facility were transferred to the 44th Signal Battalion.

(2) Planning continued on the programmed establishment of the MACV Data Management Agency Data Terminal and MACV Common User Data Terminal. Installation dates for both facilities are still set for February 1968.

(3) Presently, this battalion is operating one data terminal at Tan Son Nhut Air Base for the Aviation Material Management Center.

f. Carrier (VHF) and Radio (HF) Systems:

(1) On 20 December 1967, the 69th Signal Battalion was directed to convert present VHF systems into newer varieties by employment of medium capacity army area communications system (AACOMS) subsystems.

(a) After the conversion to PCM gear is completed, the 69th Signal Battalion will operate five systems at site Octopus on Tan Son Nhut Air Base and two systems at the MACV I compound in Saigon.

(b) At site Octopus, construction is approximately 75 percent complete on a new building which will house the present van mounted equipment and provide space for a technical control board. This tech control board, which will replace the current Air Force tech control, will be used for the activation and restoration of circuits and/or systems. The new building will be centrally air conditioned thereby decreasing equipment failure due to overheating. Consolidation of the equipment in the new building will also reduce manning requirements.

(c) Moving the equipment at the MACV I site into an adequately air conditioned room resulted in a large decrease of equipment failures.

(2) The formation of an HF radio platoon and the receipt of one AN/MRR-8, one AN/MRT-9 from the 44th Signal Battalion, and one AN/GRC-26D from the 36th Signal Battalion increased the capability of the battalion to meet its unaltered HF mission.

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3. Training:

a. On 14 January 1968, the companies of the 69th Signal Battalion conducted range familiarization firing on the Thu Duc Service School firing range located between Saigon and Long Binh. All personnel who had not previously fired since arriving in country participated.

b. During the months of November, December and January, all company grade officers with less than five years total commissioned service and selected warrant officers attended weekly classes on selected subjects. The classes were established to provide technical and operational training for junior officers. Such classes are beneficial in providing junior officers with an appreciation of fellow officers' particular communications missions.

c. In November 1967, selected battalion personnel observed North Electric Company contractors during installation of the Emergency Action Console (EAC) at MACV. Although participation was limited to observation, personnel gained valuable knowledge of the installation and function of the EAC equipment.

d. The utilization of both on-the-job training and 1st Signal Brigade schools has helped provide a continuous availability of trained personnel necessary to maintain equipment requiring functional training, e.g. key systems and the Emergency Action Console.

e. Special emphasis has been placed on command information classes this quarter because of the increased command emphasis placed on informing everyone about marijuana and other drugs.

4. Personnel: The fact that mission requirements have caused the battalion to operate at a strength level above 100% of MTOE authorization has created problems. Obtaining promotion allocations for all eligible personnel, especially Specialist Four, is a critical morale problem (see recommendation below).

5. Logistics: In December 1967, the battalion began obtaining general supplies, class II and class IV items, from the 223d DSU. Previously, this organization drew these supplies directly from the 506th Field Depot. The confusion which was created by this change of procedure should be alleviated when an adequate ASL is established by the DSU. It is also anticipated that the command satisfaction rate will improve and the equipment deadline rate will decrease as a result of the above change.

6. Summary: This quarter was characterized by continued improvement in communications facilities and operational procedures as well as a consolidation of both telephone and communications center operations.

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SECTION II: COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS

PART I: Observations (Lessons Learned)

a. Personnel: None

b. Operations:

EMERGENCY ACTION CONSOLE

Item: Use of the TA-236 as an EAC four wire phone.

Discussion: An ordinary dial telephone (TA-236) can be modified to 4 wire use. It is compatible with the North Electric equipment utilizing the appropriate strapping option on the line adapter. Although the transmit and receive pairs cannot be rewired or split, the tip and ring of either or both pairs may be reversed without affecting the operation of the phone.

Observation: The use of the TA-236 provides an economical substitute for the touch tone phone normally associated with the North Electric Emergency Action Console (EAC).

EMERGENCY ACTION CONSOLE

Item: Termination of EAC circuits on telephone key systems.

Discussion: An Automatic Electric (AE) line adapter (DH-9504-A71A) may be modified for two wire use so that selected subscribers can have their EAC line appear on a telephone key system.

Observation: The use of the AE line adapter affords more flexibility in the use of various types of EAC subscriber equipment.

EMERGENCY ACTION CONSOLE

Item: Pair continuity for EAC Touch Tone Phones.

Discussion: Several outages of EAC circuits were attributed to "No Trouble Found" (NTF) until it was noticed that restoration had been achieved merely by reconnecting the cable path from the phone to the AE line adapter. In some cases, the tip and ring of the transmit pair were reversed. In other cases, the same procedure was required for the receive pair or both pairs.

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Observation: When the four wire touch tone phone is used with the EAC, the tip and ring of both transmit and receive pairs must follow the same sequence from the frame equipment to the instrument in order for the instrument to operate properly.

EMERGENCY ACTION CONSOLE

Item: The use of tactical microwave vs IWCS for EAC circuits.

Discussion: A one-month study of 22 EAC circuits routed over tactical microwave and the IWCS facilities was conducted to determine their relative efficiency. Twenty-three percent (5) of the circuits are routed over tactical microwave and seventy-seven percent (17) are routed over the IWCS facilities. Seventy-one percent of the trouble noted during the test period were caused by faulty levels on the tactical microwave system while only twenty-nine percent occurred on IWCS. Thus, the tactical microwave, while handling only 23% of the circuits, accounted for 71% of the trouble.

Observation: A significant number of man-hours spent in circuit restoration could be eliminated if IWCS facilities were used to handle a larger percentage of the long distance EAC circuits.

OUTSIDE CABLE PLANT

Item: Easy access splice cases.

Discussion: Because of the excessive rain during the monsoon season, it is necessary to open splices many times to dry them out and "trouble shoot" the cable.

Observation: Quick access to splice cases can be obtained by wrapping each splice with DR tape and covering it with a "ready access boot". Properly done, this is a "water tight" splice which allows rapid access for clearing troubles.

PCM EQUIPMENT

Item: Reengineering of tone levels.

Discussion: On circuit cutover to PCM equipment, circuits originally engineered for AN/TCC-7 and TA-182 Signal Converters had to be reengineered for new signalling tone levels.

Observation: Technical control facilities had to reengineer circuit paths to allow 15 dB difference between signalling tone level of TA-182 Signal Converters and the CV-1548 Signal Converter.

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1013 DATA TRANSCIVER

Item: Incompatibility of Stelma Modem and IBM positive data signals.

Discussion: As a result of the change from negative to positive data signals and completion of the MILSTD 188B modification on the IBM 1013 data transceiver at ANM Data Terminal, a mutual interference problem developed at ANM between the IBM 1013 and the peripheral equipment. Simultaneous operation of the 1013 and peripheral equipment caused loss of character phase on the transceiver. A common ground between all equipment and earth was installed but did not correct the problem.

Observation: As recommended by IBM, the Stelma 1200A modem was replaced by a Lenkurt 26C modem, and the interference problem disappeared. The Stelma 1200A modem is not compatible with IBM 1013 positive data signals and should be used only when negative data signals are employed.

c. Training and Organization:

TRAINING CLASSES

Item: TAERS Training.

Discussion: A difficult segment of the soldier's training is maintaining sufficient knowledge and application of the Army Equipment Records System (TAERS).

Observation: An effective method of presenting TAERS is through weekly Command Information Classes. By covering one aspect of TAERS each week with corresponding supervision during the week, personnel become more aware of FIC's, daily vehicle operator inspections and records, trip tickets, etc; vehicle deadline rates decrease and overall equipment records and maintenance posture improve significantly.

d. Intelligence: None

e. Logistics:

KLEINSCHMIDT TELETYPEWRITERS

Item: Procurement of Stop Arms FSN 5815-395-9510 for Kleinschmidt Teletypewriter.

Discussion: A serious problem continues in procurement of Stop Arms FSN 5815-395-9510 for Kleinschmidt teletypewriters. A failure rate of 1.8 per week is expected to increase due to the use of marginal parts in operational equipment. One "Red Ball" requisition was partially filled. Since that time, requisitions for 35 stop arms have resulted in the receipt of four on 26 December 1967, three of which were defective.

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Observation: Procurement through MACV Headquarters Comdt for direct purchase has been unsuccessful. Normal supply channel requisitions have been unsuccessful. On 30 January 1968, with 15 teletypewriter units deadline for stop arms, a request was submitted through command channels. Unavailability of this part appears to be country wide.

f. Other: None

PART II: Recommendations

a. Personnel:

PROMOTIONS

Recommendation: The small number of allocations for promotion to grade E-4 is creating serious problems in that EM have lost motivation because there is little or no chance for advancement. During the period 1 November 1967, through 31 January 1968, a total of 286 vacancies in grades E-5 and E-4 existed with only 58 personnel promoted. Personnel entering active duty (US or RA) should attain the grade of E-4 prior to their ETS as current regulations permit great leniency in promotions. Even though this unit has many vacancies for promotion to E-4, allocations are not received because of overstrength in other units within the 160th Signal Group. Apparently, EM have a much better chance for promotion in areas other than Vietnam because of more TO&E/TDA position vacancies. Personnel are automatically eligible for promotion to PFC E-3 upon arrival in country. Recommend that personnel serving in Vietnam be eligible for promotion to E-4 upon completion of 6 months time in grade as E-3, without regard to position vacancy. The criteria for promotion to E-4 in Vietnam would then be the same as the requirement for promotion to E-3 in areas other than Vietnam. This would alleviate the present condition of being unable to promote large numbers of outstanding personnel above the grade of E-3. The majority of Army publicity regarding promotions stress that Vietnam offers many chances for advancement. Personnel departing Vietnam in grade of E-3, regardless of their outstanding performance, are placed on the defensive in their next unit explaining the reasons why they did not attain a higher grade.

b. Operations:

Recommendation: Emergency Action Console circuits should be engineered using IWCS facilities if at all possible. IWCS offers a much more stable circuit path than the tactical microwave system. This will eliminate

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the resulting wasted man hours troubleshooting circuits that require only level adjustments (see Part I Lessons Learned).

- c. Training and Organization: None.
- d. Intelligence: None.
- e. Logistics: None.
- f. Other: None.

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
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1. Forwarded in compliance with AR 1-19.
2. With regard to information provided in paragraph 2a(1)(c), page 3, a separate study is being conducted to determine which EAC and other critical circuits can be rerouted over TACS. On completion of the study, a recommendation for rerouting will be forwarded to Headquarters, 1st Signal Brigade.
3. Concur in the Commander's observations in Part I of Section II and add the following comments to items indicated:
 - a. Item: TAERS Training, page 9. The need to ensure that personnel are familiar with procedures for maintaining TAERS records is recognized; however, to reduce vehicle deadline rates, much more is needed; e.g., maintenance training, as prescribed in 1st Signal Brigade Regulation SCCVR 750-3, and application of the training in day-to-day maintenance operations. The reporting unit does include the prescribed maintenance training in its training program.
 - b. Item: Procurement of Stop Arms FSN 5815-395-9510 for Kleinschmidt Teletypewriters, page 9. The reporting unit has submitted two Equipment Improvement Reports concerning this repair part. Also, a list of outstanding requirements for this unit and the 44th Signal Battalion has been submitted to Headquarters, 1st Signal Brigade as part of a request for assistance in alleviating the problem. The repair part is not available within this Group.
4. Concur in the Commander's recommendation in Part II, Section II as modified by the following comments regarding sub-paragraph a (Personnel):
 - a. The enlisted promotion situation discussed in the ORLL report for this Group for this reporting period (Paragraph 1, Part I, Section II, page 16; and Paragraph 1, Part II, Section II, page 25) also applies to this reporting unit.

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b. Blanket authority to promote after any arbitrary period of time in grade, with or without respect to position vacancy, would tend to create grade imbalances.

c. The temporary nature of the problem indicates a need for interim measures which retain the objective of the promotion system while providing recognition for deserving individuals. Greater flexibility is needed to meet unique situations in a combat zone; e.g., decentralization to Brigade level of promotion authority for a controlled percentage of those eligible each month without regard to position vacancy, especially in the lower grades.

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TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DH, APO
96375

Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Communications
Command, ATTN: SCCOP, Fort Huachuca, Arizona 85613

1. Subject report is forwarded for your information.
2. Concur in the Commander's observations. The following additional comments are provided with respect to Section II, Part I (Observations).
 - a. Item: Use of the TA-236 as an EAC four wire phone, page 7. Concur in observation with this stipulation, that it must be used on short loops over metallic path. Any other application of these modified TA-236's (2W to 4W) would require additional trunk conditioning equipment, such as is used for long distance dial central office trunks. The TA-236 is not a substitute for a touch tone multi-frequency instrument in all applications of emergency action console (EAC) loops.
 - b. Item: Termination of EAC circuits on telephone key systems, page 7. These installations should be kept to a minimum for the following reasons:
 - (1) There is some degradation of service due to 4W to 2W conversion and 2W cabling to the EAC.
 - (2) Too many subscribers having access to these loops adds greatly to the volume of traffic which is not the intention of the EAC. The common user system is designed to handle the large volume of traffic.
 - c. Item: Easy access splice case, page 8. Ready access boots should only be used where drop and insert capability is required and not at permanent splices. Permanent splice cases, both the aluminum and the cast iron, when installed properly with the sealing washers provide a much better waterproofing than ready access boots.
 - d. Item: Procurement of Stop Arms FSN 5815-395-9510 for Klein-schmidt Teletypewriter, page 9. This headquarters has requested USASTRATCOM to initiate an emergency purchase and shipment of one hundred each stop arms to satisfy immediate requirements. Also, all Signal groups have been requested to furnish information, to include the Milstrip number, latest supply status, and the date of last follow-up. Additionally, the groups have been requested to provide samples of the defective parts in order that the

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from Headquarters, 69th Signal Battalion, (RCS CSFOR-65) (WCEQAA)

Electronics Command (ECOM) Field Office representative can determine if the high rate of failure is due to a defect in the manufacturing process. The ECOM Field Office will take appropriate action through ECOM channels if warranted.

3. Concur in the Commander's recommendations as stated in Section II, Part II, except:

Recommendation: a, page 10. Promotion to grade E4 without regard to position vacancies throughout the Republic of Vietnam would seriously distort the Army grade structure. Additionally, position vacancies are not a command wide problem, but rather one that is peculiar to the 160th Signal Group. A more practical solution appears to lie in the development of a more responsive system for processing changes to authorization documents.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



THOMAS D. BLEDSOE, JR.
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375

10 MAR 1968


TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1968 from Headquarters, 69th Signal Battalion (CEQA) as indorsed.

2. Concur with report as indorsed. Report is considered adequate.

3. A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


CHARLES A. BYRD
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Assistant Adjutant General

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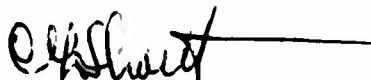
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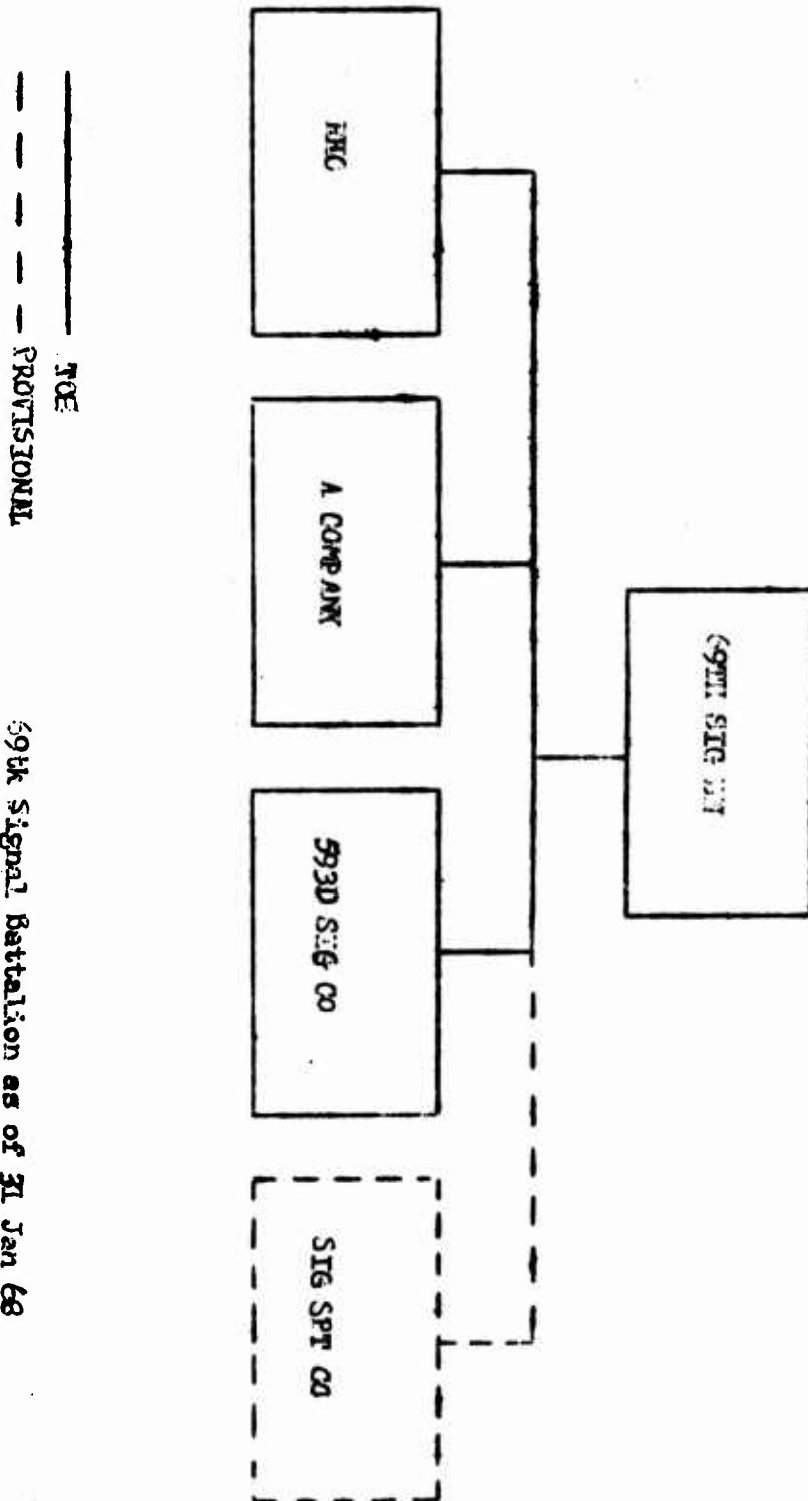
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